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SUBJECT: BATRES/BORGONOVO TALKS

REFERENCE: A) SAN SALVADOR 2824 B) TEGUCIGALPA 3006

C) STATE 155378

1. TO AVOID POTENTIALLY SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING OF NATURE OF U.S.-SALVADORAN COLLABORATION IN ARRANGING MIAMI MEETING, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA CLARIFY TO BATRES WHAT ASSISTANCE BORGONOVO REQUESTED AND WHAT WE HAVE PROVIDED. WE THINK IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT SUCH CLARIFICATION ALSO BE COMMUNICATED BY BORGONOVO TO BATRES.

2. EMBASSY EL SALVADOR THEREFORE SHOULD INFORM BORGONOVO OF SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCE B), POINTING OUT TO HIM THAT ANY SUSPICIONS RAISED IN MINDS OF HONDURAN NEGOTIATORS WITH RESPECT TO REAL INTENT OF BORGONOVO WILL TORPEDO PROPOSED MEETING BEFORE IT STARTS. THEREFORE WE THINK IT WOULD BE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL FOR HIM TO CLARIFY PERSONALLY TO BATRES THAT HE REQUESTED ONLY DEPARTMENT SUGGESTIONS RE HOTELS IN MIAMI AREA THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR LODGING AND MEETING PLACE. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM BORGONOVO THAT
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WE PROPOSE AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA TO INFORM BATRES

OF NATURE OF REQUEST AND DETAILS OF OUR REPLY
(STATE 155378). ASSUMING HE HAS NO OBJECTION DEPARTMENT
REQUESTS EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR TO ADVISE EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

ON PRIORITY BASIS. EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA SHOULD THEN INFORM
BATRES OF SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCES A) AND C).

3. WITHOUT DISCOURAGING EITHER SIDE FROM FEELING THEY CAN
APPROACH US IN CONFIDENCE SHOULD THEY FEEL THIS USEFUL, WE
SHOULD ENCOURAGE BOTH TO HANDLE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS,
AS WELL AS NEGOTIATIONS IN A MANNER THAT WILL AVOID EXAC-
ERBATING THOSE FEELINGS OF SUSPICION WHICH LIE VERY CLOSE
TO THE SURFACE ON BOTH SIDES. INGERSOLL

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